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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
MICHIO ICHIMURA, et al.)
: Group Art Unit: N/Y/A
Application No.: N/Y/A)
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Filed: Currently herewith)
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For: NOVEL POLYPEPTIDE) May 23, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 6, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19,
25-27 and 30-35, and add new Claim 40 to read as follows. A
marked-up copy of Claims 6, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 25-27
and 30-35, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.